

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 to 17 as follows. Note that all of the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A virtual image album system comprising:  
a card comprising a substrate having a memory device associated therewith[,] and indicia formed on said ~~substrate, said indicia~~ substrate and being representative of image data, and data accessible via said card, function data stored within said memory device and associated with said indicia including mapping data arranged to associate a location of said indicia on said substrate with corresponding function data stored in said memory device; and  
a reader for said card, said reader comprising a touch sensitive membrane arranged to overlay said card and through which said indicia are visible, said reader being adapted to output specific said function data associated with a user selected one of said indicia and the corresponding said mapping data, thereby to reference specific said image data.

2. (Currently Amended) A virtual image album system according to claim 1, further comprising:  
an at least one image store, wherein at least one part of the image data corresponding to the selected one of said indicia is stored independent of a spatial distribution of the indicia on the card, the at least one image store being adapted to receive

said specific function data, and to output said specific image data in response thereto; and  
a user display adapted to receive said output specific image data from the at least one image store, and further adapted to display the specific image data.

3. (Original) A virtual image album system according to claim 1,

wherein:

said image data comprises video image data.

4. (Original) A virtual image album system according to claim 3,

wherein:

said indicia comprise thumbnail images each being representative of a  
corresponding video sequence.

5. (Original) A virtual image album system according to claim 1,

wherein:

said image data comprises still-image data.

6. (Original) A virtual image album system according to claim 5,

wherein:

said indicia comprise thumbnail images each representative of a  
corresponding still-image.

7. (Currently Amended) A virtual image album system according to claim 2, wherein:

the at least one image store is located remotely from the user, and the specific said image data is down-loaded to the user display over ~~the~~ a network in accordance with said user selected one of said indicia.

8. (Currently Amended) A virtual image album system according to claim 2, wherein:

the at least one image store is one of a CD-ROM and DVD disc located in proximity to the user, and the specific said image data is provided to the user display via a local data connection.

9. (Currently Amended) A control template for a virtual image album system, said template comprising:

an electronic card formed of a substrate having associated therewith a memory device;

a plurality of indicia being representative of image data disposed on the substrate; and

function data and mapping data associated with the indicia stored within said memory device.

10. (Currently Amended) A reader device for a control template interface card, said device comprising:

a connector to connect to said interface card formed of a substrate, said substrate having disposed thereon ~~disposes~~ a plurality of indicia being representative of image data;

a substantially transparent touch sensitive membrane arranged to overlay an inserted said interface card, and

a processor for (a) reading from the inserted said interface card function data which is dependent upon mapping data associated with ~~the indicia~~ a selected one of the indicia, the function data and the mapping data being stored within a memory device in the inserted said interface card and (b) outputting the ~~outputs said~~ function data to [a] an external device to reference ~~refer~~ specific said image data.

11. (Currently Amended) A service providing device for a virtual image album system, said device comprising:

a processor for (a) storing digital images that were digitized from photographic film in at least one ~~an~~ image store and (b) storing function data and mapping data to access ~~to~~ said at least one image store into a memory device in a control card having indicia on a surface of the card, the indicia being representative of the stored images and being associated with the function data and the mapping data.

12. (Currently Amended) A service providing device according to claim 11, wherein said at least one image store is one of a CD-ROM and a DVD disc located in proximity to ~~the~~ [a] user, and a specific image data that the user designated using said card is provided to ~~the~~ a user display via a local data connection.

13. (Currently Amended) A service providing device according to claim 11, wherein said at least one image store is located remotely from ~~the~~ a user, and a specific image data that the user designated using said card is down-loaded to ~~the~~ a user display over a network.[.]

14. (Currently Amended) A virtual image album system according to claim 1, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to down-load said specific image data to a user display over a network from ~~an~~ at least one image store that is located remotely from the user.

15. (Currently Amended) A control template according to claim 9, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to down-load a specific image data to a user display over a network from an image store that is located remotely from the user.

16. (Currently Amended) A reader device according to claim 10, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to down-load a specific image data to a user display over a network from an image store that is located remotely from the user.

17. (Currently Amended) A service providing device according to claim 11, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to down-load a specific

image data to a user display over a network from ~~said~~ an image store that is located remotely from the user.

18. (Original) A virtual image album system according to claim 1, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to read a specific image data to a user display from an image store that is located in proximity to the user.

19. (Original) A control template according to claim 9, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to read a specific image data to a user display from an image store that is located in proximity to the user.

20. (Original) A reader device according to claim 10, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to read a specific image data to a user display from an image store that is located in proximity to the user.

21. (Original) A service providing device according to claim 11, wherein said function data is a command and memory address to read a specific image data to a user display from an image store that is located in proximity to the user.